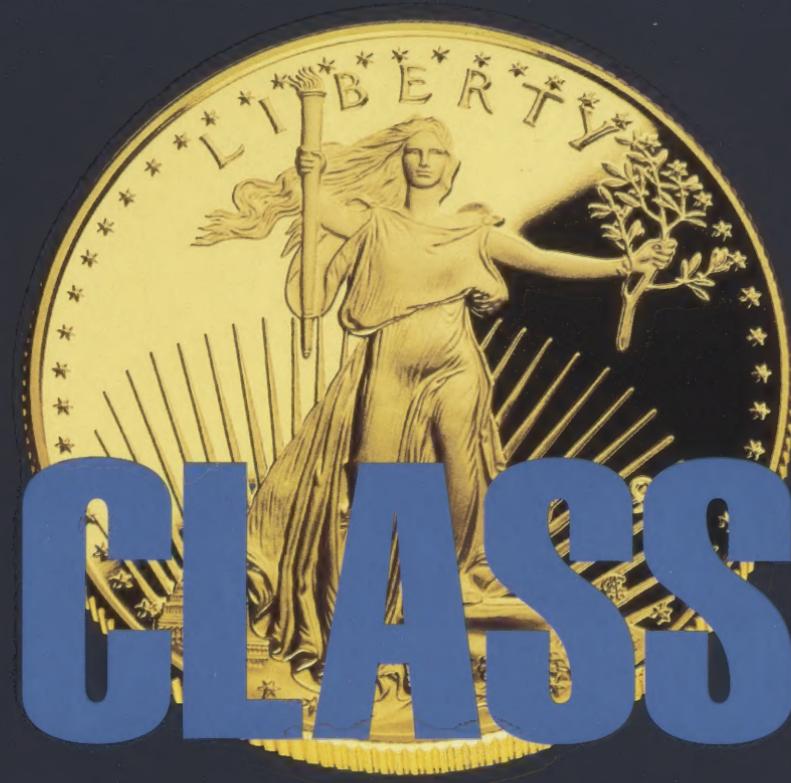


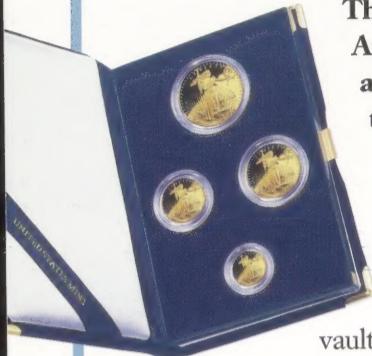
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Dear Eagle Proof Coin Collector,

As 1996 comes to a close, so does your opportunity to obtain this year's American Eagle Gold Proof Four-Coin Set. These spectacular coins will no longer be available after December 31st. Because you are one of our long-standing customers, I know you don't want to miss out on this last chance to keep your collection current.

If you have already placed an order for the Four-Coin Set, I thank you for your continued support. I am confident that you will enjoy its exquisite craftsmanship, exceptional quality and fine detail for many years to come.

You may already know that the 1996 American Eagle Gold Proof Coins have the lowest mintage limits of any coins we currently produce. What's more, individual 1996 Gold Eagles are selling faster than last year, reducing the total number of Four-Coin Sets available.

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Thank you for your continued interest and support of the United States Mint's American Eagle Proof Program. I look forward to serving you this season and for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that appears to read "Philip N. Diehl".

Philip N. Diehl  
Director  
United States Mint

P.S. Remember, once any of the individual Gold Eagles sell out, the Four-Coin Set will no longer be available. I urge you to place your order today.